

Book Competitions



NCSLMA sponsors the following programs for students, aimed at promoting a love of reading and familiarity with the best in literature for young people. For more information about these programs visit the links below:

Battle of the Books ([Elementary](#) , [Middle](#) , and [High School](#))

Battle of the Books began as a program for middle school students, grades 6-8. The program has expanded to include the elementary and high school levels. Students at participating schools read books from a list established by the state Battle of the Books committees and then compete in quiz-bowl-style tournaments to test their knowledge of these books.

The North Carolina [Children's Book Award](#)

This program is sponsored by NCSLMA and the Children's Services and School Librarian sections of the North Carolina Library Association. A committee of public librarians and school librarians work together gathering nominations, promoting the program, reading the books to children, sharing related activities with children, selecting titles, and sponsoring the voting for the North Carolina Children's Book Award program each year.

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hese awards are presented annually during the fall NCSLMA conference in Winston-Salem.

The North Carolina [Young Adult Book Award](#)

The North Carolina Young Adult Book Award was started in 2008 to encourage reading at the middle and high school levels by involving students in the process of selecting and voting on the best books for their age group. Studies consistently show that reading for pleasure begins to wane as children reach middle school age and the goal of this award is to get these kids interested in reading good, current books that appeal to their age level. Each year the committee selects ten books for middle school readers and ten books for high school readers to make up their two NC YA Book Award lists. The titles are chosen from nominations submitted by students and media coordinators across the state. Throughout the school year, students are encouraged to read from the lists throughout the year and think critically about what they read. Then, in March, they vote for their favorite book. After tallying the student votes a winner is announced in April and the new book lists are published.